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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-44-83

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

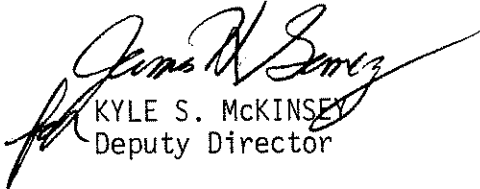
SUBJECT: METHOD OF COLLECTING FOOD STAMP FRAUD CLAIMS

The purpose of this letter is to remind counties that collections for food stamp fraud claims can be made through a reduction in the household's monthly coupon allotment.

A 1982 review of several counties by the Food and Nutrition Service/Western Region Office indicated that several counties were not using the food stamp allotment reduction procedures specified in State regulation 63-801.611 for collection of fraud claims. This procedure has proven effective and counties are encouraged to use it. It should be pointed out that there are fiscal incentives for counties that recover fraud overpayments.

Federal regulations have been recently published which will allow allotment reduction for non-fraud recipient caused overpayments. As soon as State regulations are published, counties will be able to extend allotment reductions to these claims.

Should you have any questions regarding this method of collection, please contact your Food Stamp Program Consultant at (916) 322-5475.


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